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1257 COUNTY FARM ROAD
BEDFORD, VIRGINIA 24523



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BCPRD Health and Mitigation Plan Basketball 2021-22

Bedford County Parks and Recreation's goals for the 2021-22 Basketball Season.

1) Continue working with the Bedford County Schools to make sure all player and participants have a safe playing environment for this season.

2) Offer a robust extra-curricular program for players. The following health and safety plan reflects the steps that will be expected at each school and by every community member.

BCPRD and BCPS will work closely with the local health department to respond to suspected or positive COVID-19 cases among staff, volunteers, and participants.

**The BCPRD Health and Mitigation Plan may be subject to change at any time depending upon state or federal directives, Bedford County Public Schools policy or local assessment of pandemic spread.*

In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, BCPRD will implement the following mitigation for all participants (participants include Players, Coaches, Spectators and Staff):

1. Two (2) Site Supervisors will be present at each gym to help with cleaning and oversight of the BCPRD mitigation plan.
2. Parents/Guardians are to conduct a daily health screening of players.
3. Hand sanitizer will be provided to all teams.
4. *Per BCPS policy, face coverings are required for ALL participants (staff, players, coaches, and spectators) while in the gym. Players will only be required to wear face coverings while on the bench and not during gameplay.
5. Participants unwilling to follow the face covering policy will be asked to leave and may be subject to disciplinary actions per BCPRD's Code of Conduct.
6. Spectators and participants are encouraged to practice social distancing.
7. BCPRD will make every effort to break the basketball teams into pods. Forest teams play Forest teams, Liberty teams play Liberty teams, and Staunton River teams play Staunton River teams. The older divisions and some girl divisions may require pods to overlap with limited number of teams.



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8. Staff will disinfect high touch areas, player benches and equipment at increased intervals using appropriate, documented cleaning products provided by BCPRD.
9. No more than two (2) teams will be allowed in the gym at a time.
10. BCPRD will provide player rosters for all sports to Dr. Duis at the start of each season for distribution to school nurses. The rosters should include student name, school attendance, parent name and phone number.
11. Coaches will take student/player attendance at each practice or game and keep this information in the event it is needed for contact tracing.
12. If a positive case of COVID19 is reported on a team, BCPRD will assist BCPS with parent notification, if needed.
13. Chairs for players shall be spaced 3-6 feet apart for indoor sports.

Schools in use:

<u>Forest Zone:</u>	<u>Liberty Zone:</u>	<u>Staunton River Zone:</u>
Forest Elementary	BCPRD Gym	Stewartsville Elementary
Thomas Jefferson Elementary	Bedford Elementary	Goodview Elementary
New London Elementary	Suzie Gibson TC	Moneta Elementary
Otter River Elementary	Montvale Elementary	Huddleston Elementary
Boonsboro Elementary	Big Island Elementary	

The following letter will be provided to each parent/guardian as they register.

Attention: Coaches, Parents, and Players

As Covid cases are rising in our area we want to make sure we are taking proper precautions to keep all participants safe and healthy. If your player is quarantined by the Bedford County Public School or the Bedford County Parks and Recreation, they may NOT attend games or practices until their quarantine date has been met. If your player is showing any symptoms of cold, flu, covid etc., please do NOT attend games or practices.



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Effective immediately: Anyone who attends a practice/game and has been found to have tested positive for COVID, is awaiting the results of a COVID test or while under quarantine will be subject to disciplinary action as spelled out in the code of conduct. This will be treated as a Non-Physical Misconduct going forward.

Misconduct by coaches, officials, players, and/or spectators will not be tolerated in any form.

- A. **Non-Physical Misconduct** - Noncompliance with rules or other poor sportsmanship such as the use of obscene/negative gestures or verbal abuse including but not limited to obscene language, harassment, derogatory behavior, or negative verbal. Founded misconduct shall result in the following disciplinary actions and/or penalties:

Coach or official:

First offense – two (2) game suspension and one (1) calendar year probation

Second offense (within one (1) year probationary period*) – minimum one (1) year ban

Player or spectator:

First offense – one (1) game suspension and one (1) calendar year probation

Second offense (within one (1) year probationary period*) – minimum one (1) year ban

*If an individual has a history of non-physical misconduct and is found to be in violation for such while not on probation, that individual will be subject to a minimum one (1) year ban.

We need everyone's help to keep Covid numbers down.

- If a player, coach, or immediate family member is sick and/or quarantined, stay at home! If there is any doubt, err on the side of caution and stay home. A COVID test is encouraged if experiencing COVID-like symptoms.
- If a player or coach is either quarantined or sick with COVID, stay at home and don't come to games or practice.
- If a family member is either quarantined or sick with COVID, stay at home and don't come to games or practice.
- If you are awaiting the results of a COVID test, stay at home and don't come to games or practice.
- Continue to practice physical distancing.



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If you are questioning whether or not to take your player to practices or games please contact the BCPRD office and we will help you with that decision. We would rather you call and ask before taking your player to games or practices. 540-586-7682

We want everyone to have fun and stay safe. We know this is a hard time for everyone and we want your kids to have the opportunity to be kids and have fun! Thank you for being so patient with us as we work through this together.

Sincerely,

AJ Miller

Athletics Coordinator

Cc: Wyatt E. Woody III, Director, Bedford County Parks and Recreation

The parent/guardian will also be required to sign the following:

Your role as a spectator has significant impact upon the success of our program. Therefore, we need you to fully understand and completely accept the standards of behavior which are detailed below.

I therefore agree: Please initial each one)

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth and not adults. _____
2. I will understand that children play sports to have fun, make friends, and to learn new skills; therefore, I will praise effort as well as execution in order to keep sports in proper perspective. _____
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or special needs that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others. _____
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league. _____
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing



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respect and courtesy, and by demanding positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game. _____

6. I (and my guest) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing or taunting, refusing to shake hands or using profaned language or gestures. _____

7. I will not encourage any behavior or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes. _____

8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. _____

9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect. _____

10. I will promote the physical and emotional well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win. _____

11. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sporting events. _____

12. I will not bring my player to practices or games if they are sick, quarantined, or awaiting a test result for COVID. _____

13. I will not bring my player to practices or games if they are sick. _____

14. I understand if I bring my player to practices or games knowing they are sick, quarantined, or awaiting a test result for COVID BCPRD will view this as a None Physical Misconduct and they will review disciplinary as they see fit. _____



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I fully understand and completely accept the code of ethics. My initials by each standard and signature below will serve as my public acknowledgment of my unconditional agreement with each standard contained in this document.

I realize that at any time my behavior becomes non-compliant with any of these standards I will be subject to disciplinary action set forth in the Bedford County Code of Conduct.

Name of Child/Children

Date

Parents Printed Name

Parent's Signature



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Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel corona virus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and the use of face coverings.

Bedford County Parks and Recreation has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, Bedford County Parks and Recreation cannot guarantee that you, your child(ren),



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your heirs, assigns or next of kin will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending Bedford County Parks and Recreation events could increase your risk, your child(ren), your heirs, assigns or next of kin's risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) , myself, my heirs, assigns and next of kin may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in Bedford County Parks and Recreation activities and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at any Bedford County Parks and Recreation event, may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Parks and Recreation employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren), myself, my heirs, assigns and next of kin (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren), my heirs, assigns and next of kin may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance in Bedford County Parks and Recreation activities. On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, my heirs, assigns and next of kin, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Bedford County, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of Bedford County, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Bedford County Parks and Recreation program.

Bedford County Parks and Recreation asks that everyone do their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Please follow CDC and Bedford County Parks and Recreation best practices.



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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Print Name of Participant(s)